

(e) whether food imported into the country is being monitored and approved by the above Authority before entry; and

(t) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) The Food Safety and Standard Act 2006 notified by the Government in the Official Gazette on 24.8.2006, but the Act is yet to come into force. The Act envisages setting up of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. The Food Authority has been empowered to lay down science based standards for article of food and regulate and monitor the manufacturing, import, processing, distribution and sale of food, so as to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

Establishment of economic zones under food processing industries

†1182. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of economic zones established till date under his Ministry; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not establish economic zones. However, the Ministry, under its plan scheme for Infrastructure Development provides financial assistance @ 25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore, for provision of common facilities in Food Parks such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. to all implementing agencies including State Government undertakings, cooperative, private entities who come forward with viable proposals. A Statement showing the Food Parks approved by the Ministry of providing financial assistance, State-wise, is attached.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

Statement

State-wise list of Food Parks approved for assistance by Ministry of Food Processing Industries

Sl.N	State	Number of Food Parks
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	1
4.	Chhattisgarh	1
5.	Haryana	2
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	3
7.	Karnataka	3
8.	Kerala	4
9.	Madhya Pradesh	7
10.	Maharashtra	6
11.	Manipur	2
12.	Mizoram	1
13.	Nagaland	1
14.	Orissa	1
15.	Punjab	.1
16.	Rajasthan	3
17.	Tamil Nadu	2
18.	Tripura	1
19.	Uttar Pradesh	5
20.	West Bengal	8
TOTAL:		54

Literacy in rural and urban areas

1183. SHRI VIJAYA J. DARDA:

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 26 per cent of the households in rural areas and 8 per cent in the urban areas, do not have a single member in